

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Marc ALAIA, *et al.* )  
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Application No.: To be assigned ) Group Art Unit: To be assigned  
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Filed: Herewith ) Examiner: To be assigned  
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF )  
ELECTRONIC AUCTIONS USING A )  
CONFIGURABLE BID MONITORING )  
AGENT (As Amended) )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title to read as follows:


/--METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTRONIC  
AUCTIONS USING A CONFIGURABLE BID MONITORING AGENT--.

Respectfully submitted,

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